Appendix F.

[Vide item IV—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 25 supra.]

Development Department.

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

With reference to the answer given to question No. 968 (starred) at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 16th October 1929, the following report is laid on the table :—

Legislative Council Question No. 968 (*starred*) *answered on* 16*th October* 1929.

The supervision of societies not affiliated to any union in districts where there are no federations working, is undertaken either by the central banks directly or by the administrative inspectors of the department. In fact such cases are few. There were on 30th June 1929, 2,176 societies not affiliated to any union, of which 1,583 were agricultural societies and 593, non-agricultural. Of the 2,176 societies, 868 were in charge of the special inspectors sanctioned for work in the Labour department, 183 in charge of the Kallar Special Officer, 246 directly supervised by federations and 76 by the staff employed in central banks, leaving 803 societies without any special supervision. Many of these, in fact, do not require any supervision as they consist of literate men who can be expected to look after themselves. Building societies and other special types of societies which are also included in this number do not require any supervision by unions. They are directly watched and inspected by the departmental staff.

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